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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DARRELL G. OBER,

Plaintiff

NO. 1:CV-01-0084

(Judge Caldwell)

v.

CIVIL ACTION - LAW

PAUL EVANKO, MARK CAMPBELL, THOMAS COURY, JOSEPH WESTCOTT,

HAWTHORNE CONLEY,

Defendants

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO PLAINTIFF'S CONCISE STATEMENT OF UNDISPUTED MATERIAL FACTS AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF HIS MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

1. On May 22, 2002, plaintiff's counsel served the defendants with copies of his statement of undisputed material facts, plaintiff's affidavit, and his brief in support of his motion for summary judgment. Plaintiff failed to file an accurate certificate of service. The documents were hand-delivered to Pennsylvania State Police Headquarters on May 22, 2002, and defendants' response thereto must be filed by June 4, 2002.

- 2. Pursuant to LR 56.1, every motion for summary judgment shall be accompanied by a "short and concise statement of the material facts, in numbered paragraphs, as to which the moving party contends there is no genuine issue to be tried."
- 3. The statement plaintiff filed is neither short nor concise. It is 31 pages, consisting of 180 numbered paragraphs, and accompanied by a 24-page affidavit signed by the plaintiff.
- 4. Pursuant to LR 56.1, the defendants have an obligation to respond to plaintiff's statement, paragraph by paragraph, pointing out those material facts to which there is a genuine issue for trial. Defendants' response must include references to parts of the record that support its response. If plaintiff's statement contains any material facts that defendants do not specifically controvert, those facts will be deemed admitted.
- 5. The plaintiff's statement is a hodgepodge of disputed and undisputed facts, speculation, personal opinions, and unwarranted conclusions. The same is true of the plaintiff's affidavit. Many of plaintiff's assertions contain no reference to any portion of the record. Further, plaintiff has filed 336 exhibits, most of which have not been authenticated by a supporting affidavit.
- 6. Plaintiff's statement does not comport with the Rules of Court, and many of his averments are difficult to understand due to plaintiff's convoluted sentence structure and numerous typographical errors. Nevertheless, defendants must dissect this rambling

and unwieldy document to determine which material facts can be agreed upon and which averments are either disputed facts or insupportable speculation and conclusions. This is not an easy task because of plaintiff's verbose style, his failure to consistently cite to the record, and his use of hundreds of exhibits that are not authenticated by supporting affidavits. Additionally, plaintiff's affidavit contains numerous facts and conclusions that he failed to disclose when asked during his deposition or through interrogatories.

7. In order to adequately compare plaintiff's statement of facts to the record and to determine which of plaintiff's 336 exhibits are properly authenticated, defendants seek an additional 10 days to respond to plaintiff's statement of facts and his brief in support of his motion for summary judgment.

WHEREFORE, defendants ask this Court for an additional 10 days to respond to the statement of facts and brief that plaintiff served May 22, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF NONCONCURRENCE

Counsel for the defendants certify that they sought the concurrence of plaintiff's counsel, Don Bailey, in defendants' motion to extend the time for responding to plaintiff's brief in support of his motion for summary judgment and his statement of facts. Mr. Bailey does not concur in that motion.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date a copy of DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO PLAINTIFF'S STATEMENT OF UNDISPUTED MATERIAL FACTS AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF HIS MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT was served on plaintiff's counsel, by first-class mail, addressed as follows:

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